scenario and the availability of resources, the Government takes all appropriate measures to ensure effective Defence preparedness.

Recovery of Gelatine

4275. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tonnes of gelatine had been taken away from a Government godown in Belgaum; if so, the steps taken and success achieved in recovery thereof; and

(b) whether gelatine and other explosives have been recovered from various places; if so, the details thereof during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No report about gelatine being taken away from a Defence godown in Belgaum, has been received.

(b) The question does not arise.

Disinvestment of PSUs

@4276. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) who have disinvested a part of their equity capital during the last five years with details of number of equity shares so disinvested their fact value and the price at which each such share disinvested; PSU-wise details thereof;

(b) the names of Stock Exchanges in which such shares have been listed and the respective dates of listing of such shares PSU-wise and relevant stock Exchange-wise details;

(c) the present quotations of the said shares on leading stock exchanges, share-wise and stock exchange-wise details;

(d) the number of share lodged for transfer with each of the said PSUs since their disinvestment up-to-date; month-wise details;

(e) whether the said PSUs have appointed any Registrars and Transfer Agents (RTAs) for handling the huge volume of such transfer work; if so, the names and addresses of these RTAs each PSU-wise and their respective dates of appointment; and

(f) the details of remuneration to be paid by the said PSUs to their so appointed RTA, each RTA-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Government disinvested during 1991-92 and 1992-93 a part of its equity holdings in selected PSUs, the PSUs did not disinvest any part of their equity.

(b) to (f) Do not arise, in view of above.

Manufacture of salt in Himachal Pradesh

@@4277. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have launched a project to manufacture salt by modern technology in the Drung area of the Mandi District of Himachal Pradesh as the percentage of iodine content in the rock-salt of that area is in abundance;

(b) if so, the dates when this project was launched and undertaken by Government;

(c) the details of the amount provided and spent year-wise; and

(d) the latest position with regard to the said mining?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Rock-Salt at Mandi does not contain iodine. However, exploratory work for proving rock-salt deposits at Mandi for establishing a solution Mining cum salt refinery project was taken up by Hindustan Salts Ltd. in 1989-90 in association with Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd.

(c) A sum of Rs. 50 lakhs was provided to Hindustan Salts Ltd. in 1989-90. The amount spent year-wise is as under:—

@Previously Unstarred Question 2646, transferred from 17-8-93.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 3422, transferred from 20-8-1993.